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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEGUCIGALPA 6025

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SUBJECT: OAS PEACE KEEPING MISSION: US PERSONNEL

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1. IN VIEW STRONG USG INTEREST IN CONTINUATION OAS PEACE KEEPING MISSION, (WHICH NOW SEEMS LIKELY), EMBASSY BELIEVES IT INCUMBENT TO RAISE ANOTHER ISSUE WHICH, WHILE NOT AS VITAL PER SE, WILL AUGMENT ABILITY OF OAS TO CONTINUE MISSION WITH SAME HIGH QUALITY AS IT HAS TO DATE. ALMOST ALL THE OBSERVERS ARE SCHEDULED TO CHANGE IN THE JANUARY TIME FRAME. THIS IS COINCIDENTIAL AND RESULTS FROM EXTENSIONS BY OTHER COUNTRIES OBSERVERS PAST THEIR NORMAL ROTATION DATES. IT CANNOT HELP BUT EFFECT SMOOTHNESS AND COMPETENCE OF OAS EFFORTS, AT LEAST UNTIL NEW ARRIVALS LEARN THE MANY INTRICACIES OF THEIR MISSION. EXTENSION OF EXPERIENCED OBSERVER WOULD PROVIDE OBVIOUS BENEFITS.

2. MAJOR AGAPITO SANTOS HAS PERFORMED HIS DIFFICULT ROLE AS ONE OF THE U.S. OBSERVERS IN AN OUTSTANDING MANNER.
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HE IS WIDELY LIKED AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, RESPECTED BY HIS CONTACTS AND COLLEAGUES FOR HIS COMPETENCE AND ABILITY. WHILE EMBASSY RECOGNIZES DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN EXTENDING HIS TDY ASSIGNMENT ANOTHER THREE MONTHS, IT BELIEVES SUCH AN EXTENSION WOULD PROVIDE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO OAS PEACE KEEPING MISSION IN PRESENT UNIQUE SITUATION. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT MAJOR SANTOS

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WOULD NOT BE ADVERSE TO PROLONGING HIS TDY IF SO ORDERED.
EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT U.S. FOREIGN POLICY INTERESTS IN
ASSISTING IN THE RESOLUTION OF THIS DISPUTE STRONGLY ARGUE
FOR CONSIDERATION OF SUCH AN EXTENSION.
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